Settlement Pattom.

385 MR. P V. URUMESE THARAKAN: (*Shertala I—General*); Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state.

(*a*) what is meant by Settlement Pattom with reference to the purchasing of paddy by the Government from the cultivations;

(*b*) what is meant by excess with reference to the purchasing of paddy by the Government;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the Settlement Pattom varies with different taluks, different paddy fields and even different survey numbers of the same block of paddy field;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the so called Settlement Pattoms were fixed during the last Kandezhuthu without any serious study of the productivity of the different fields;

(*e*) whether it is the policy of the Government to command the whole produce of paddy from the cultivator less what is requested for domestic consumption, seeds and absolute agricultural wages and

(*f*) if so, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of doing away with these difficult nomenclatures and fixing upon certain other basis whereby they could purchase paddy from the cultivators equitably?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH (a) Settlement pattom is the pattom fixed at the last settlement.

(b) Excess is the quantity of paddy remaining with the land holders after selling the settlement pattom due to Government and after allowing an adequate margin under the rules towards seeds, cultivation expenses and domestic consumption.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is under consideration.

MR. P. V. URUMESE THARAKAN: സെറ്റിൽമെന്റ് പാട്ടത്തിനു പകരം നീതിപൂർവകമായ മറെന്തെങ്കിലും ഉപാധികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുമോ?

HO'NBLE MR. K. M. KORAH: ഗവണ്മെന്റ് അതേപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

Machayil canal

386. MR. M. DANIEL JOSE: (*Neyyattinkara III—S. I. U C.*) Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state

(*a*) has the Government received any petition from Machayil, Neyyattinkara Constituency III for the repair of a canal; and

(*b*) if so, whether steps will be taken to meet the request?

HON'BLE MR. A. ACHUTHAN: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The investigation of the problem is being taken up.

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